

Enteric (direct and indirect contact) Precautions for

Everyone has germs. Most of them are harmless, some are helpful. A few germs, however, can make you sick. Our goal is to protect our patients, their families and visitors from germs that might make them sick. In the hospital, precautions are used as a way of stopping the spread of germs from one person to another. This page should help answer questions you/your family may have.

What are Enteric Precautions?

You have been placed in “Enteric Precautions” because you may have germs living on your skin or in your body that can be harmful to other people. These germs are spread to other people by touch and can also be picked up when people touch surfaces and equipment around you.

What will the hospital staff do?

- Clean their hands frequently by washing with soap and water.
- Put an “Enteric Precaution” sign on your door to let people entering your room know what to do.
- Wear a gown and gloves when entering your room.
- Place gowns and gloves outside your door for use by all staff and visitors.

What can the patient do to help?

- Clean your hands often with soap and water, especially after using the bathroom.
- Be sure visitors entering your room have read the sign on your door.
- Leave the room only when medically necessary and wash your hands with soap and water and wear a clean gown whenever you do.
- Limit your visitors to a few family members or close friends.

What should my visitors do?

- Wash their hands with soap and water upon entering and exiting your room.
- Put on a gown and gloves before entering the room and keep them on while inside.
- Remove gown and gloves before leaving the room.

IT IS OKAY TO REMIND OUR STAFF TO CLEAN THEIR HANDS!

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Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital: x7084

Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital: x7222

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